15th July 1953]

Minor Irrigation Works in Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 469 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any representations from the villagers of Irumbilikkurichi, Namankunnam and Solankudikkadu of Udayarpalayam taluk for undertaking minor irrigation works in these villages; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) In November 1952, Government received a representation on behalf of the ryots of certain villages of Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, requesting provision of irrigation facilities.

" (b) The representation was transferred to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli for necessary action. Government have no information regarding the action taken by the Collector."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Sir, my question has not been answered straightaway. It is more than nine months since I put that question. It is being answered only now and that too when I had asked for information about the action taken on the representations, Government say they have no information and they have only now referred the matter to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli. It is a very regrettable state of affairs."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The representation was sent to the Collector of Tiruchirappalli for taking necessary action. If the hon. Member wants some more details, a separate question may be put."

Sub-Inspectors of Police reverted to lower ranks.

* 470 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Sub-Inspectors of Police reverted to lower ranks either owing to want of vacancies or owing to retrenchment policy during 1950–53 (figures may be given community-war); and

(b) if the reversion was due to retrenchment, why the retrenchment question arose?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) Officiating Sub-Inspectors promoted from the ranks had to revert for want of vacancies consequent on direct recruits who were till recently under-represented taking charge of stations on completion of their training. The reversion in the rank of Sub-Inspectors was also due to the return of officers who were on deputation to Hyderabad State and the

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 225 infra.